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PREVIOUSLY IN AVENGERS

IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS, AND ALL OF THEM HAVE GROWN SOMETHING EQUIVALENT TO SEVEN YEARS. IN THAT TIME, NOT ONE OF THEM HAS SLEPT AT ANY POINT. AND THEN THERE'S THEIR DIET, OR LACK THEREOF. NO FOOD, NO WATER, PICTURE-PERFECT HEALTH. NOTHING RESPIRATORY.

HE'S BEEN IN THERE FOR FOUR HOURS. HE MIGHT NEVER CATCH THAT FISH... BUT HE'S NOT GOING TO STOP. THEY'RE BEYOND HUMAN NOW. MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE YOU.

THESE CREATURES--THEY RELY ON THE AIR, THE EARTH BENEATH THEIR FEET, OTHER LIFE AROUND THEM--FOR SUSTENANCE. AND YOU HAVE NO SUCH RELIANCE. THAT IS YOUR GIFT.

BUT IF THAT IS SO-- WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY IN THIS SYSTEM? WHAT WILL BE IN YOUR PURPOSE, IN WALKING ALONGSIDE THEM?

IF ONE NEEDS NOTHING, DOES HE DREAM OF ANYTHING? I THINK HE DOES.

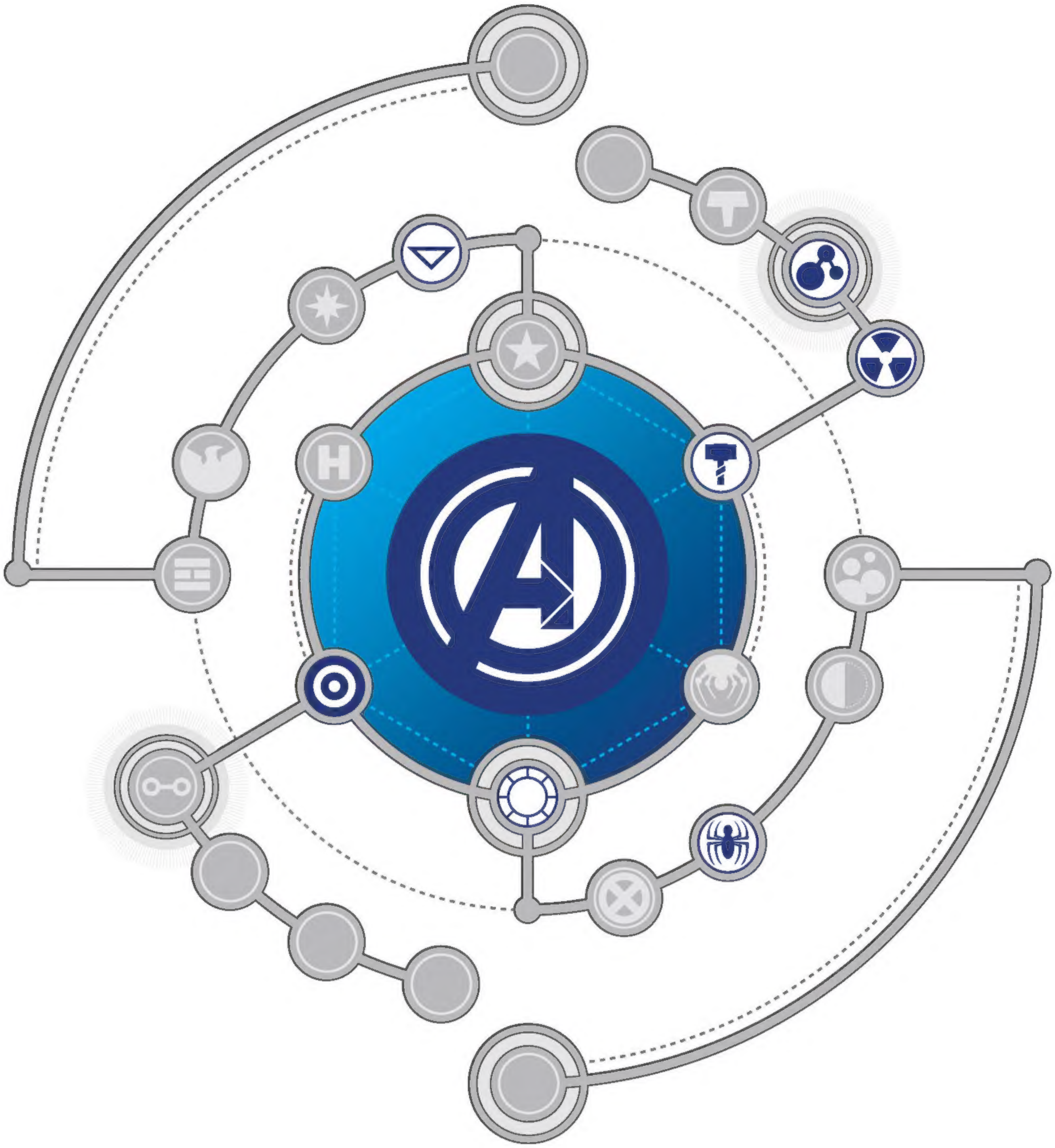
A WORLD WITHOUT NEED.

WAS HE A HUNTER-GATHERER? A SCOUT?

NO, YOU IDIOTS--

"--HE WAS THE DISTRACTION."

AH, WELCOME-- WELCOME, MY LITTLE ONES. I HAVE THE URGE TO MAKE SOMETHING NEW.



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THE SAVAGE LAND.

THIS PLACE WAS CREATED LONG AGO, BY THOSE THAT LIVE BEYOND THIS UNIVERSE.

IT HAS KNOWN MANY MASTERS SINCE THEN.

SOME RULED. SOME DESTROYED.

SOME DID SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT.

THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY *MADE* SOMETHING OF THE SAVAGE LAND.

HE CREATED, LIKE A GOD.

AND AS WITH ANY GOD, A MAKER HAS A PECULIAR FAMILIARITY WITH HIS CREATIONS.

HE KNOWS WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN THEM OR IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

BUT UNLIKE THE GODS, HERBERT WYNDHAM IS NOT COVETOUS OVER WHAT HE HAS MADE...

HE SEES CHANGE FOR WHAT IT IS.

HE APPRECIATES A CATALYST.

HOW ELSE WILL THINGS *EVOLVE?*

ELSEWHERE.

WHERE ARE THEY?!

HYPERION-- EASY! YOU'RE GOING TO--

WHAT? I CANNOT HARM WHAT ISN'T THERE, IRON MAN!

ONE MINUTE THEY WERE HERE WITH US, AND THEN THEY WERE JUST... GONE.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

THE BEASTS THAT TOOK THEM SEEM TO HAVE VANISHED FROM PLAIN SIGHT--

RIGHT...

HEAT, MOTION, SOUND FREQUENCY-- EVERY SENSOR I'VE GOT IS DRAWING A BLANK--IT'S LIKE THEY FLEW INTO NOWHERE. HATE TO SAY IT, GENTS, BUT I'M AFRAID ALL WE CAN DO--

"--IS HOPE THE TRADITIONAL ROUTE HAS MORE SUCCESS."

NO TRACKS?

NONE THAT I CAN FIND. WHERE THE HELL IS WOLVERINE WHEN HE WOULD ACTUALLY BE USEFUL?

DO YOU HEAR THAT QUIET?

PLEASE, DON'T--

DO YOU HEAR THAT NOISE?

NO. I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING.

EXACTLY!

IT'S PERFECTLY PEACEFUL AND SERENE. NATURE, JUST AS IT SHOULD BE, WITHOUT SEVERAL DOZEN SCREAMING ZEBRA ANDROGYNOIDS RUNNING AROUND, BEING WEIRD.

DON'T HATE HIM BECAUSE HE'S RIGHT.

YEAH, WELL, HE'S GONNA GET EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS UNLESS WE GET SOME HELP FROM--

WE ALL... EVERYBODY... NO MATTER HOW GROWN-UP WE ARE...

WE ALL NEED HELP SOMETIMES.

AND YET THIS ONE SEEMS TO PROVIDE SO LITTLE HERSELF...

IT IS NOT MY HELP YOU NEED--

--BUT HIS.

GREETINGS, AVENGERS.

I AM GAROKK, YOUR SERVANT.

HE IS NO SUCH THING. HE IS A WATCHER.

AND HIS WORK HERE PLEASES ME.

I'M HUNGRY.

YOUR WORDS HUMBLE ME, GODDESS.

A WATCHER? GREAT. YOU WATCHED OUR RUGRATS GET SNATCHED UP, THEN?

INDEED, CLINT BARTON. I KNOW WHERE YOUR LOST CHILDREN ARE, AND WHO HAS THEM. IF YOU COME WITH ME NOW--

I WILL TAKE YOU TO HIM.

THE CHILDREN SLEEP.

THEY DO NOT KNOW THIS PLACE, OR THEIR PURPOSE IN IT. IT IS HIS GIFT TO THEM.

TO BE GIVEN A MOMENT'S PEACE, A SOLITARY RESPITE, UNTIL THEY ARE AWAKENED--

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AND THEY CRY OUT FOR THEIR FATHER.

ONCE WE ARRIVE, UNDERSTAND--I CANNOT INTERFERE. IT IS NOT MY ROLE.

WE'LL DEAL WITH THIS OURSELVES. HOW MUCH FARTHER TO GO, GAROKK?

NOT LONG AT ALL, MY LORD. IN FACT--

WE ARE HERE.

WHAT?

I DON'T GET IT.

HA! WHAT'S NOT TO UNDERSTAND?

THE STONE GERIATRIC HAS LED US TO HIS IMAGINARY TREEHOUSE.

I TOLD YOU. THIS IS WHAT COMES FROM LISTENING TO NEW AGE HALFWITS. WE'RE PROBABLY ONLY MOMENTS AWAY FROM HOLDING HANDS AND TALKING TO DEAD PARENTS VIA CRYST--

OH, DAMN YOU ALL.

WHERE...?

PROJECTION. EXPLAINS PLENTY.

WELL, GREAT, SO LONG AS WE'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE--

I SAY WE JUMP RIGHT IN, YEAH?

HIGH EVOLUTIONARY, SIR! WE HAVE INTRUDERS!

THEY'VE BREACHED THE CLOAKING FIELD, SIR--

HM. AVENGERS. COME TO COLLECT THEIR LOST BOYS, NO DOUBT.

VERY WELL, THEN. WE DO WHAT WE MUST. HIDE THE CHILDREN--

WAKE THE BEAST.

YOU RECOGNIZE THESE THINGS?

I THINK I DO, IN FACT...BUT I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE SEISMIC ACTIV--

DAMN IT.

THEY'VE GOT A FULLY FUNCTIONAL TERMINUS, AND IT JUST CRUSHED IRON MAN.

SOMEONE GOT A PLAN HERE?

HYPERION, GO! FIND YOUR CHILDREN

I CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS--

YOU ARE A BRAVE AND FEARSOME WARRIOR, AND TOGETHER WE ARE SURE TO FACE MANY FOES ON MANY ADVENTURES...

STANDING SIDE-BY-SIDE IN GREAT BATTLES, AND THE CELEBRATIONS THAT WILL FOLLOW.

BUT THIS IS A GIANT.

AND I WAS BORN TO FELL GIANTS.

I SEE YOU IN THERE.

AH, YES-- AND YOU MUST BE THE ONE THEY CALL HYPERION.

WHERE ARE THEY?

YOU HAVE TO CUT THROUGH THE GIBBERISH, BUT ONCE YOU DO, THE CHILDREN SPOKE QUITE FONDLY OF YOU.

PATIENCE, SUN GOD. ONCE YOU LEARN WHA--

WHERE. ARE. THEY?

ARRRGGHHH!

Y-YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M DOING...

I DON'T CARE.

YOU MUST! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE *MAGNIFICENT* CREATURES ARE CAPABLE OF? THEY ARE LIVING BATTERIES...SELF-SUSTAINING.

THEY ARE CHILDREN.

THEY ARE SO MUCH MORE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I COULD DO WITH LIMITLESS POWER?

WHAT I COULD DO IF I COULD HARNESS IT? THE EVOLUTIONARY FOUNTAINHEAD THAT WOULD FLOW?

"THAT'S A HIGH PRICE THAT SHOULD BE PAID, ISN'T IT?"

ISN'T IT?

THIS ISN'T A FIGHT YOU CAN WIN-- YOUR EXPERIMENT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...IT ALREADY HAS!

"HOW DO YOU THINK I RESURRECTED THE TERMINUS?"

IT WAS A BROKEN MACHINE BUILT TO CONQUER WORLDS, AND I RESURRECTED IT.

ALL IT TOOK WAS THE RIGHT--

POWER SOURCE.

I SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE NOW...

NO...

OOOFFF!

FATHER, GIVE ME A STORM THAT WOULD TEAR THE SKY.

FOOLS.

IT'S ALL SUCH A WASTE.

THOR!

HOLD!

GIVE ME LIGHTNING THAT WOULD BURN THE WORLD.

RUMBLE

ZAP

HOURS LATER.

MY MEMORIES ARE STORED IN LIGHT.

MY MIND, A NONLINEAR PHOTONIC ARRAY WITH VIRTUALLY INSTANTANEOUS RECALL, MEANING THERE IS LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

MY MEMORIES, ALWAYS DOMINATED BY MY LIFE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT.

--WITHOUT ITS POWER SOURCE, THE MACHINE POSES NO THREAT.

AND THE CHILDREN?

FINE. RESTING. FOR THE MOMENT. I THOUGHT--I THOUGHT THEY--

LEAVE IT IN THAT MOMENT, THEN, FRIEND.

NOT LONG AGO, WE SAT ON THIS HILL, AND I ASKED IF YOU HAD ANY CHILDREN ON YOUR WORLD--

BUT I COULD TELL EVEN THEN THAT YOU DID NOT.

AND HOW IS THAT?

I AM A GOD. I UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF MEN.

WHEN TO FOCUS ON THE LIVING...AND WHEN TO PREPARE FOR THINGS THAT WOULD ROB US OF THAT JOY.

THERE IS A STORM BREWING, BROTHER...I KNOW YOU CAN FEEL IT, JUST AS I DO.

THE CALL OF A FAMILY IS A STRONG ONE. I'VE FELT IT MYSELF, MANY TIMES--BUT IN THE END, GREAT WARRIORS ARE TOO OFTEN LAID LOW BY THAT WHICH THEY MUST PROTECT.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, THOR.

THERE'S NO DULLING THIS. THERE'S NO AVOIDING WHAT IT'S DONE TO ME.

MY WHOLE LIFE, I HAVE FOUGHT FOR IDEAS. GRAND EXPERIMENTS AND SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES OF BELIEF. AND NOW...

NOW I FIGHT FOR SOMETHING BETTER. I FIGHT FOR THEM.

YOU SHOULD KNOW... THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD CALL THAT A FLAW IN ONE'S ARMOR. SOMETHING TO BE EXPLOITED.

THEN I WOULD SAY, LET THEM THINK THAT, BROTHER.

THESE CHILDREN, THEY GIVE ME A CAUSE.

AND IT DOES NOT MAKE ME WEAK...

IT MAKES ME STRONG.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE LIGHT REPLACING LIGHT. SO IT TOOK SOME TIME BEFORE I BECAME AWARE THAT MY LIFE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT MOMENT WAS NO LONGER THE DEATH OF MY WORLD...

BUT THE GAINING OF A NEW ONE.

GOD HELP ANYONE THAT TRIES TO TAKE IT FROM ME.

THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

This is the month that everything comes to a head in **AGE OF ULTRON #10**—and Avengers fans in particular will want to check out the aftermath in AGE OF ULTRON #10AI! Writer Mark Waid teams with artist Andre Araujo to tell the definitive story of Hank Pym's formative years, and to position him for the future! It's also the entry point into next month's big **AVENGERS A.I.** launch—so you don't want to get caught napping! (And it wouldn't kill you to keep an eye on AOU #10 as well, for relevant developments in the world of Earth's Mightiest Heroes!)

Hey, didja happen to catch this year's MTV Movie Awards! Marvel Studios' own **MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS** film took home a hat trick's worth of Golden Popcorn statues, for Best Fight, Best Villain (Tom Hiddleston as Loki), and Movie of the Year! Director Joss Whedon was on hand along with Tom, Chris Evans and Samuel L. Jackson to accept the honors, and to tease 2015's **MARVEL'S THE AVENGERS** sequel as well! It's going to be a long wait—but we'll bide our time by taking in another showing of Shane Black's **IRON MAN 3** in the meantime!

Well, we asked for it, and you certainly delivered! No sooner had our call for votes concerning which AVENGERS title was the best gone out than our e-mailbox was flooded with responses! Here's where things stand at the moment:

Favorite Series: **UNCANNY AVENGERS** has the lead, with **NEW AVENGERS** close behind, and **AVENGERS** and **SECRET AVENGERS** tied for third (plus write-in votes for **HAWKEYE** and **ALL-NEW X-MEN**—Brian!!!)

Favorite Writer: Jonathan Hickman, with Rick Remender and Kieron Gillen nipping at his heels.

Favorite Artist: A neck-and-neck race between John Cassaday, Steve Epting and Stefano Caselli.

Rick Magyar's walked away with the **Favorite Inker** category, Justin Ponsor, Rain Beredo and Matt Wilson are dueling it out for **Favorite Colorist,** and absolutely everybody loves the typography of Cory Petit on letters!

We're not quite ready to call this one over just yet, so there's still time for you to cast a vote if you've not already done so—just drop us a line at the address at the bottom of this page!

Finally, here's a young Avengers fan who could use everybody's good wishes:

Allow me to introduce Joshua Gabriel "Gabe" Lyall. Most of the time he is a typical 4-year-old boy with the ability to morph into any super hero that is needed. Our family has received the "Hulk Smash," a web from Spider-Man and protection from the shield of Captain America. Wolverine has also made an appearance to ward off the enemy when needed. March 23rd, 2013 our Super Hero began a battle for his life after being diagnosed with Stage 4 Hepatoblastoma (a rare liver cancer in children). This young soul has brought a small community together, strengthening each of us by his heroic example and bravery. He truly is our Super Hero who deserves his spot with his Marvel family. Keep the faith and fight the great fight....we'll all be here when this battle is over to welcome our Super Hero Gabe home. We love you!

From A Very Grateful Heart,
Mary Ann "Sissy Bird" Robinson

We'll keep Gabe in our prayers and hope for a speedy recovery!

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